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EXDIS SECRETARY FROM EA-PHILIP C. HABIB

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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM-LOCKHEED AFFAIR

(S/S NO. 7603248)

1. EAGLEBURGER, LEIGH AND I HAVE DISCUSSED HANDLING OF FORMAL REQUEST FROM GOJ FOR SEC DOCUMENTS ON LOCKHEED. WE ALL AGREE THAT REQUEST SHOULD BE FORWARDED PROMPTLY TO SEC.

2. LEIGH HAS BEEN IN TOUCH INFORMALLY WITH SEC TODAY TO ASCERTAIN THEIR LIKELY RESPONSE. THIS WILL HELP US IN DEALING WITH THE JAPANESE WHO ARE UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO SHOW THEY ARE PURSUING THE CASE VIGOROUSLY. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THE SEC WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY, SINCE LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION IS STILL UNDERWAY. NEVERTHELESS, WE WANT IT FULLY UNDERSTOOD IN JAPAN THAT DEPARTMENT HAS FORWARDED REQUEST AND WILL PROVIDE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS COMPLETE INFORMATION AS INVESTIGATIVE PROCEEDINGS UNDERWAY WILL ALLOW. MEANWHILE, LEIGH AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SEC HAVE AGREED THAT
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WE CAN SAY TO THE JAPANESE THAT WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE

SEC ON THE MATTER AND WILL BE BACK TO THE JAPANESE WHEN WE HAVE SOME WORD FOR THEM. WE PLAN TO TRANSMIT A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE INFORMATION TO THE SEC NEXT WEEK AFTER

LOOKING FURTHER INTO THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE MATTER.

3. AS I INFORMED JAPANESE CHARGE THIS MORNING, DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO "CENSOR" ANY OF MATERIAL IF AND WHEN IT IS RECEIVED FROM SEC. AS OF NOW WE HAVE PUT JAPANESE ON NOTICE THAT THEY CANNOT EXPECT US TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF THEIR POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. THE POLITICAL INFIGHTING IN TOKYO WILL BE REACHING A PEAK AS THE DIET HEARINGS BEGIN MONDAY, TOKYO TIME. THE REQUEST FOR SEC INFORMATION (WHICH CAN BE DAMNING TO PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS) IS PART OF THAT STRUGGLE AND OUR BEST POSITION IS TO APPEAR RESPONSIVE TO FORMAL GOJ REQUESTS, BUT TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MATERIAL WHICH IS IN SEC CUSTODY, OR FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF ITS EVENTUAL RELEASE.

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